

REMARKS

The applicants are trying to provoke an interference with US patent 6,426,419 ("419 patent"). The applicants have submitted an English certified translation of their priority document. The applicants believe that they are entitled to a filing date of April 6, 1998. The applicants have copied all the claims of the '419 patent. The '419 patent issued July 30, 2002 which is less than one year before the filing of this divisional application.

Support for newly added claims 15-19 can be found in the original claim 1. Support for newly added claim 20 can be found in the examples. Support for newly added claims 21 and 22 can be found in the original claim 2. Claim 23 corresponds to claim 13 of the '419 patent. Support for claim 24 can be found in the examples, see page 14 of the specification. Support for claim 25 can be found in the original claim 1. Claim 26 corresponds to claim 16 of the '419 patent. Newly added claims 27-45 correspond to claims 17-35 of the '419 patent. Support for newly added claim 46 can be found in the original claim 1. The applicants believe that all claims 15-46 correspond to claims 1-35 of the '419 patent.

Claims 15-46 are in the application. Claims 15, 38, 39, 43 and 46 are the independent claims. The applicants have enclosed the fee of \$216.00 for the 12 claims over twenty. The applicants have enclosed the fee \$168.00 for the two extra independent claims. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 09994-00019-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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